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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOPN, PEPR, GW, NU
SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: GERMAN POST CARD CAMPAIGN

1. FOR THE RECORD WE WANT TO REPORT THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING, ALMOST DAILY DURING THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, LARGE NUMBERS OF PRE-PRINTED POST CARDS ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR ASKING THAT USG STOP ALL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA OF NICARAGUA. CURRENT COUNT OF POST CARDS RECEIVED: ABOVE TWO HUNDRED. ORIGIN: SEVERAL CITIES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT FRG.

2. TEXT OF POST CARDS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: "TO THE VERY ESTEEMED AMBASSADOR: THE LATEST EVENTS IN NICARAGUA SHOW THE ENTIRE WORLD THE STRUGGLE OF A DICTATOR AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE WHO HAVE REBELLED AFTER 46 YEARS OF OPPRESSION. BECAUSE OF OUR HISTORY WE HAVE A FEELING OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE NICARAGUANS. FOR THAT REASON WE ARE TRYING TO INFLUENCE OUR OWN GOVERNMENT TO CEASE ALL SUPPORT FOR DICTATOR ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE AND HIS NATIONAL GUARD, BECAUSE HE CAN MAINTAIN POWER ONLY WITH AID FROM ABROAD.

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WE ASK YOU, ESTEEMED MR. AMBASSADOR, TO INFLUENCE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO END RELATIONS WITH SOMOZA AND TO FURNISH NEITHER MILITARY NOR ECONOMIC AID TO HIM.

YOU WOULD THEREBY HELP THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE AND BUILD A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC NICARAGUA." END TEXT.

3. TO ASSIST POST IN PREPARING TENTATIVE RESPONSE TO THESE AND OTHER QUERIES ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS NICARAGUA, REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE A FACT SHEET COVERING U.S. POLICY TOWARD NICARAGUA AND A SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC U.S. ACTIONS (E.G., SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AID) AND DATES THAT BEAR UPON THE ISSUE.

4. FYI: MATERIAL WOULD ALSO ASSIST POST IN PROVIDING FACTS TO THE MEDIA IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE FACTUAL COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN NICARAGUA, A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE MEDIA INTEREST. STOESSEL

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